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## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC ISSUES DECISION IN THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY WATER RATE CASE**

Jefferson City (December 17, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has issued an order which authorizes The Empire District Electric Company to increase annual water revenues by approximately \$358,000 for service rendered on and after December 23, 2002. The Empire District Electric Company provides water service to approximately 4,600 customers in Lawrence County in the communities of Aurora, Marionville and Verona.

Based upon a thorough review of the Company's books and records, it was determined that a rate increase was necessary to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the water system. For a residential customer using 6,000 gallons of water a month, water rates will increase from \$16.84 a month to \$22.52 a month.

On May 15, 2002, The Empire District Electric Company filed a water rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase water revenues by approximately \$361,000 a year.

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission conducted a thorough review of the books and records of the Company. In a memorandum filed on December 12, 2002, the PSC Staff stated that an increase in The Empire District Electric Company's annual water operating revenues was necessary.

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